

Libya, Moscow to sign treaty

MOSCOW (R) — Libya and the Soviet Union have agreed in principle to sign a friendship treaty, Soviet Television reported Saturday. A joint communiqué issued after a visit to Moscow by Col. Muammar Qadhafi's second-in-command Abdul Salam Jalloud said the Soviet Union and Libya had "agreed in principle on the signing of a treaty of friendship and cooperation." Maj. Jalloud, who left for home Friday, held talks with Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov. The Soviet Union already has friendship treaties with three Arab countries—Iraq, Syria and South Yemen.

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Explosives cache found at Beirut Libyan embassy

BEIRUT (R) — Two suitcases full of explosives were found at the Libyan embassy in Beirut Saturday and defused by army experts, security sources said. The Libyan embassy, in a coastal suburb of the city, has been deserted since it was damaged by Israeli shelling during last summer's siege of Beirut. Libyan sources said the embassy was under repair and about to be reoccupied. Libyan diplomats had used the offices of the Libyan news agency JANA but that too was damaged in a massive car bomb blast on Feb. 5. The right-wing Voice of Lebanon radio estimated that 30 kilograms of explosive was placed on the ground floor of the embassy.

Carter arrives in Morocco

RABAT (R) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter arrived in the south Moroccan city of Marrakesh Saturday for a two-day private visit on his way home from a Middle East tour. He is due to meet King Hassan in the city of Fez Sunday before returning to the U.S. He has already visited Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Eanes in Cairo

CAIRO (R) — Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes arrived Saturday for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on bilateral relations and other world issues. A 30-strong official delegation, including the ministers of foreign affairs and industry, came with the Portuguese president to hold talks with his Egyptian counterparts.

Dhaka frees 200 detainees

DHAKA (R) — About 200 politicians and students detained after last month's violence in Bangladesh were freed Saturday, an official announcement said. It said military ruler Lt. Gen. Hossain Mohammad Ershad ordered their release as a gesture of goodwill on the eve of a celebration marking the twentieth anniversary of the country's independence on March 26. Five people were killed and more than 100 injured during student clashes with police in demonstrations against controversial education policies of the Bangladesh military government. Gen. Ershad hoped that his gesture would help create congenial atmosphere for reopening the universities, the announcement added.

Study details causes of strain in U.S. ties with China

WASHINGTON (R) — China's lack of foreign currency and the United States decision to continue selling arms to Taiwan are the major stumbling blocks to closer ties between the two countries, a congressional study said Saturday. The joint economic committee of Congress said the West must be willing to buy more Chinese goods if it expected China to earn enough foreign exchange to buy Western products. The report said Peking would need more favorable financing terms for imports, including U.S. government-subsidized loans.

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Hussein stresses time is running out for peace

U.S. credibility faces difficult test, King says

LONDON (Agencies) — King Hussein said Saturday that U.S. credibility faced a difficult test and that time was running out for progress towards peace in the Middle East.

The King, who came to Britain at the head of an Arab League mission, was speaking before a meeting with U.S. special Middle East envoy Philip Habib in London last Saturday.

"I believe for many reasons that we do not have much time before formidable obstacles appear in the path of any possible progress towards peace," he told a news conference.

"I certainly believe American credibility is passing through a difficult test. We are way behind schedule on the American side in terms of the goal that was set for the beginning of this year, in terms of Lebanon at least."

The King, who is due to meet Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat within the next few days, said he hoped Washington would enhance its credibility by "playing the major role only the United States can play towards securing a just and lasting peace in the area."

The King said his meeting with Mr. Arafat would be crucial. The Reagan plan envisages Palestinian self-rule on the Israeli-occupied West Bank in association with Jordan.

The King said he hoped his meeting with Mr. Arafat would "enhance our joint ability with the support of our Arab brethren to contribute to setting our course" towards a settlement.

The King and his mission came to Britain to explain an Arab League peace plan adopted at a summit in Fez last September. The plan calls for an independent Palestinian state under the PLO but is seen as implicitly recognising Israel's right to exist.

The King, who noted that no

progress was possible without Israeli involvement, said there was common ground between the Reagan and the Arab plan. Of the U.S. plan, he said: "There were positive areas, there were vague areas."

But he said Israel's continued occupation of Lebanon and its increased settlement in the occupied territories made the situation there extremely dangerous.

The United States had a role to play in helping to find a solution to these problems, he said. The King also said he would welcome any pressure that Britain or the European Economic Community might be able to put on Israel. He described their attitude so far as constructive.

Mrs. Thatcher, whose opposition to a PLO representative led to postponement of the Arab visit last November, laid on a lavish welcome Saturday of the sort more commonly associated with state occasions.

She shook hands with Walid Al Khalidi, an academic eventually chosen to represent the Palestinians. Dr. Khalidi is a member of the Palestine National Council, or parliament-in-exile, but is not a PLO office holder.

The postponement of the visit led to a rift between Britain and Arab states, notably Saudi Arabia, but King Hussein said Saturday that the visit had restored traditional Anglo-Arab relations based on close understanding.

The King told Mrs. Thatcher Friday there could be no peace until Israel withdrew from Arab territories occupied in 1967, in particular Arab Jerusalem, and a Palestinian state was created under the PLO.

Among delegation members who met Mrs. Thatcher and were presented to Queen Elizabeth was Dr. Khalidi.

Britain said it saw him as representing Palestinians generally and not Palestinian fighters. Arab League groups have now visited all the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council to press the plan.

France, China and the Soviet Union received PLO officials in the delegations. Britain and the United States did not.

Relations with Egypt

King Hussein also said that Jordan continued to have contacts with Egypt despite the fact that diplomatic relations were broken off in 1979 over Cairo's treaty with Israel.

"Notwithstanding the fact that we do not have diplomatic relations... relations are extremely close, contacts are continuing," he told the news conference. King Hussein added: "I visited Egypt twice when we did not have diplomatic relations."

The King's press secretary, Fouad Ayoub, later told Reuters the King was referring to visits before the 1967 war, in a period when the two countries did not have diplomatic relations. "He was not talking about visits in the present situation," Mr. Ayoub said.

Queen hosts luncheon

Queen Elizabeth gave a luncheon banquet at Windsor Palace in honour of King Hussein and the Arab delegation.

Later Saturday, the King met with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam who is member of the Arab League seven-member delegation.

Israeli soldiers ordered not to challenge Marines

WASHINGTON (R) — Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens has ordered Israeli troops to end an increasing number of confrontations with the U.S. peacekeeping Marines in Lebanon, a senior U.S. Defence Department official said Friday.

The official said Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger was told of the order in a call from Mr. Arens after the disclosure of a complaint by Marine Corps Commandant Robert Barrow that Israelis had put the Marines, serving with a four-nation peacekeeping force in Lebanon, in "life-threatening situations."

The official, who asked that he not be named, said: "He [Mr. Arens] has indicated there is great concern about the incidents and has given the strictest instructions that they will not occur in the future."

Gen. Barrow, in a letter to Mr. Weinberger dated last Monday, said Israeli forces "have persisted in creating serious incidents," including several in which Marines had been fired on and prevented at gunpoint from making routine patrols.

He added he thought the incidents were "timed, orchestrated and executed for obnoxious Israeli political purposes."

In Tel Aviv, Mr. Arens said that lack of proper communications and liaison between U.S. Marines and Israeli forces in Lebanon was dangerous for troops on both sides.

He suggested in an official Defence Ministry communiqué that an Israeli officer should be stationed at Marine headquarters in Beirut and a Marine officer with the Israeli forces.

Mr. Arens also proposed "an agreement in writing on the demarcation lines between the two forces, as well as on the procedure for crossing these lines."

The Tel Aviv communiqué said: "The present liaison arrangements are insufficient and involved danger for the personnel of the Marines corps and Israeli soldiers deployed in the area."

It added that an agreement was "urgent and important, and should be reached as soon as possible, so as to secure quick and reliable liaison between the two forces."

Libya refutes Chad's charges

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Libya has denied Chadian allegations of aggression but reiterated its claim to the disputed Aouzou region.

Libya's United Nations Representative Ali Treiki dismissed the charges in a letter to the president of the Security Council, Sir John Thompson of Britain, who has been conferring on a Chadian request for a meeting on Libya's role in the central African country.

The government of President Hissene Habre had accused Libya of repeated acts of aggression and of occupying the uranium-rich Aouzou strip of Chad for the last 10 years.

Mr. Treiki said his country had no ambitions on the territory of other countries but would not relinquish an inch of its own.

"The Aouzou sector is an integral part of Libyan territory, its inhabitants Libyan and they have held Libyan identity cards since independence," he added.

Mr. Treiki said Chad's request for a council meeting was an interference in Libya's internal affairs and an unfriendly act.

Pope reaffirms stand against violence

SAN SALVO, Italy (R) — Pope John Paul, making his first pastoral visit outside Rome since his return from a Central American tour, Saturday reaffirmed his stand against ideological or violent solutions to social problems.

Celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph, patron saint of workers, in a factory near the Adriatic coast, the Pope repeated what he told Central American workers earlier this month.

He said: "The church is convinced that there is no need to turn to ideologies or propose violent solutions, but to be committed to man... who has the right to see the product of his work contribute equitably to his own welfare and to the common good of society."

region of Molise, long an area of unemployment and emigration, the Pope said the government had a duty to correct adverse economic conditions.

"Work is a right of human beings. Full employment, even more than being an economic issue, is a highly human aim," he said.

Moments earlier the Pope had fended off a plea that he should speak up for workers facing redundancy at the electrical components factory he was visiting.

"The church cannot directly change injustice... locally or internationally," he told a meeting of local union and factory officials. "It can only seek a response to the problems of workers, as it has done for the past 100 years."

Later, addressing about 15,000 people in bright sunshine, the Pope said the church wanted "the full and effective recognition of workers' rights through cooperation and... real progress."

The pontiff arrived from the Vatican by helicopter amid a tight security operation.

Armed police carrying a photograph of what appeared to be a young Turkish man set up checkpoints on roads leading into the area, and carefully screened all visitors.

A Turk, Ahmet Ali Agca, is serving a life sentence for shooting the Pope in May 1981 in St. Peter's Square. Italian magistrates say several other Turks were involved in the assassination attempt.



His Majesty King Hussein answers reporters questions at a press conference held in London Saturday (A.P. wirephoto)

Tunisia, Algeria to normalise ties

TUNIS (R) — Tunisia and Algeria Saturday signed a treaty of friendship and concord to signal the normalisation of relations after years of mutual distrust.

The treaty was signed by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid on the second day of his first official visit to Tunisia and by President Habib Bourguiba.

The two presidents also signed an accord delimiting their common frontier which had been in dispute at five points.

After a ceremony in the presidential palace of Carthage, Algerian Foreign Minister Abmad Taleb Ibrahimli said signing the

agreements was an historic moment.

The new treaty is designed to avoid repetitions of incidents like the attack on the Tunisian mining town of Gafsa three years ago by Tunisian opponents who came from Libya via Algeria and a similar attempt at infiltration last year in the Kasserine area, well-informed sources said.

President Benjedid was due to visit Bizerta Saturday afternoon and return to Tunis to attend celebrations marking the 27th anniversary Sunday of Tunisian independence.

Bombs rock Assam

NEW DELHI (R) — Ten bombs have exploded in India's troubled northeast state of Assam over the past 24 hours in the latest unrest following last month's anti-immigrant violence in which about 3,000 people were killed.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said five bombs went off in the Assam capital of Gauhati Friday night. Five others hit several parts of the Brahmaputra Valley state, but there were no reports of injury and damage was slight.

PTI said that in separate incidents four people had been killed in the past 36 hours and about 30 houses set ablaze in the state's central Darrang district Friday by an armed gang.

Assam's recently elected Chief Minister Hiteswar Saikia who returned to Gauhati after talks here with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on last month's violence in which about 250,000 people were also made homeless, told reporters that Assam's bloodshed was now abating.

No-one has claimed responsibility for the latest blasts, but hardline Assamese groups have vowed to oppose Mr. Saikia's new administration which they say was elected by immigrant votes.

Two of the five bombs to explode in Gauhati were lobbed into the government's press information bureau and one exploded near the capital's Press Club, said PTI. Others were at a suburban house and a shop.

Outside Gauhati, two bombs exploded on railway track, slightly damaging the line. The others went off in a cinema, a private printing press and a government office.

The explosion at the cinema was reported from Tezpur town in Darrang District, 125 kilometres northeast of Gauhati. An unexploded bomb was recovered from another cinema nearby.

The attacks highlighted the security problem facing the government despite widespread deployment of troops.

Militant Assamese boycotted last month's elections, the bloodiest in India's post-independence history, complaining that many illegal immigrants had been included on voting lists.

PLO to intensify armed struggle

TUNIS (R) — The Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) met here Saturday for the second day running and said the armed struggle would be intensified inside the Israeli-occupied Arab territories. The committee, in charge of the day-to-day running of the PLO, is meeting for the first time since the last meeting of the Palestine National Council, the organisation's policy-making parliament-in-exile, in Algiers last month. An official PLO statement said the committee also decided to submit a memorandum to the United Nations Security Council on Israeli settlements in the occupied territories. It will later discuss the PLO's relations with Arab states and how to distribute tasks among its members. All but one of the members were expected to attend the Algiers meeting of the national council.

Bonn coalition postpones talks

BONN (R) — West Germany's three coalition parties Saturday broke off talks on the formation of a new government and said negotiations would continue next Tuesday.

Controversial right-wing leader Franz Josef Strauss left it to be known he would wait until these negotiations were completed before announcing whether he would accept an offer from Chancellor Helmut Kohl of a top cabinet post.

The general secretary of Mr. Strauss' Bavarian-based Christian Social Union (CSU), Edmund Stoiber, had said earlier Mr. Strauss would make his decision next Monday at a special CSU meeting in Munich.

It was not immediately clear if suspension of the coalition talks was linked to the future of Mr. Strauss, or caused by major differences on future policies.

It was also possible that the involvement of West German government leaders in this weekend's European currencies crisis and a summit of European community heads of government on Monday was responsible for Saturday's development.

The parties announced earlier this week that their deliberations would be completed by Sunday at the latest.

Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg arrived in Brussels Saturday for a meeting of European Economic Community ministers on a probable re-alignment of currencies within the European Monetary System (EMS).

Mr. Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher are due in the Belgian capital Sunday night for a summit of European community heads of government

that is scheduled to last until Tuesday.

Heiner Geissler, general secretary of Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party, told journalists that because of what he called the successful state of negotiations, it would not be necessary to meet Sunday.

But party sources said Mr. Kohl and Mr. Strauss would meet privately Saturday night for talks that could decide the political future of the 67-year-old Bavarian leader.

They said that although there had been agreement Saturday on domestic social issues, there had so far been no substantive talks on thorny foreign policy questions where there are wide differences between Mr. Strauss and Mr. Genscher.

Mr. Strauss has so far expressed satisfaction over financial and economic political agreements between the coalition parties.

Party sources said Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) have accepted virtually all the foreign policy changes demanded by Mr. Strauss.

The liberal FDP lost 19 Bundestag (lower house) seats and the strengthened CSU took its place as the second largest coalition party with 53 seats.

Mr. Strauss has always coveted the foreign ministry. Mr. Kohl, however, has made it plain he intends to retain both Mr. Genscher and FDP Economics Minister Otto Lambdorsoff in the continued centre-right coalition.

A Bavarian bank announced Friday that Mr. Strauss was ready to accept a position on its supervisory board, which would mean he would have to remain in Bavaria.

French cabinet reshuffle looms nearer

PARIS (R) — European talks to end a crisis in the European Monetary System (EMS) cleared the way Saturday for a French cabinet reshuffle, with Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy apparently on the brink of losing a battle to keep his job.

Political sources said President Francois Mitterrand would make government changes within days of any decision on the parity of the French franc and the West German mark, which European Economic Community finance ministers hoped to take this weekend in Brussels.

The French cabinet reshuffle has been pending since the ruling Socialists and their Communist allies suffered sharp reverses in municipal elections this month.

After a week of dispute inside the government on future economic policy, Finance Minister Jacques Delors gave the clearest sign yet that Mr. Mauroy was losing the argument.

He said on television that France would consider devaluing the franc if West Germany revalued the mark upwards within the EMS, which relates the values of eight currencies to each other.

Mr. Delors denied this would represent an economic or political defeat for the government, despite Mr. Mauroy's promises not to preside over a third devaluation since 1981.

"Devaluation is not a political failure provided you are on the right road," Mr. Delors said. "Obviously it can be a failure for one man, but men can be changed."

Mr. Mauroy has tried to persuade President Mitterrand not to introduce harsh anti-inflation measures which political sources said Bonn would demand in return for revaluing the mark.

Before the statements by Mr.

Delors, one of several possible future prime ministers, the sources said Mr. Mauroy could still emerge at the head of a new cabinet reduced from its present 44 ministers.

They said he was prepared to accept some tightening of the 18-month austerity programme he introduced last June in order to stay in office.

This possibility seemed to have receded in the light of an economic package which the sources said could be the eventual aim of President Mitterrand and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Under this plan, the mark would be revalued by some six per cent and the franc devalued by two or three per cent. France would hike German efforts to hold the risk in European community farm prices to 4.4 per cent and would discuss reform of the community budget and the EMS.

Before the statements by Mr.

Carter says Syrian, PLO pullout contingent on Israeli withdrawal

BEIRUT (R) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter said Saturday he thought Syrian and Palestinian forces would withdraw from Lebanon if Israeli troops pulled out under terms being proposed by Lebanon.

Mr. Carter was speaking at a news conference during a three and a half hour visit to Beirut for talks with President Amin Gemayel. He came from Damascus where he said he had long talks over two days with President Hafez Al Assad.

Lebanon is the sixth stop on a private Middle East tour Mr. Carter is making on behalf of the Carter Centre at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, but he is expected to report his findings to President Reagan on return.

"My understanding from all the sources that I have is that if the Israeli forces withdraw basically under present Lebanese proposals, that Syrian and the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organisation) forces will indeed be withdrawn," he said.

But he said Syria had not made an unequivocal commitment to withdraw under any kind of Lebanese-Israeli accord. He also said Syria did not claim control over PLO forces in the areas of north and east Lebanon which is controlled by Syrian troops.

Lebanon has rejected Israeli

demands for a fixed presence in South Lebanon, but has not ruled out some Israeli role in securing the area. It has also proposed that the question of normalising ties with Israel, which the Israelis want, should be postponed till later.

Mr. Carter, who has also visited Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, later arrived in the south Moroccan city of Marrakesh.

Before he left Beirut, he inspected 500 American Marines and seamen, part of the four-nation peace force in Beirut, at the Marine headquarters near Beirut airport.

He told the news conference he did not think the Syrians would object to a larger U.S. force in Lebanon provided the multinational force was expanded proportionately.

"I have heard no objection from Syrian leaders to a balanced presence of American forces," Mr. Carter said.

He said he had urged President Assad not to obstruct any future talks on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and had also "disagreed very strongly" with Syrian support for Iran in the Gulf war with Iraq.

Mr. Carter repeated hopes he expressed earlier in the day at a press conference in Damascus that Jordan and the Palestinians would

quickly join in the Middle East peace talks.

Part of the news conference revolved around the 1978 Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel which Mr. Carter, then president, masterminded.

Gemayel laments ordeal

Without mentioning the accords by name, President Gemayel said in a welcoming address that "with the peace process began our (Lebanese) severe ordeal, as though we were the only nation called upon to pay its price."

But he hailed Mr. Carter as a "noble and courageous initiator of peace and reconciliation."

Mr. Carter described President Reagan's Middle East peace plan, which calls for Palestinian self rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan, as "completely compatible" with Camp David.

But he said he had found "little if any inclination" by Israeli leaders to withdraw from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights, as he said they were required to do under the Camp David process.

Mr. Carter said he did not believe any future U.S. president, whether Democrat or Republican, would recognise the PLO until it recognised Israel.

FEATURES

British wine sales in France could be a reality

By Philip Stephens

Reuter

PARIS — The British say they have sold pasta to the Italians, sand to the Middle East and cowboy outfits to Texas — but British winegrower David Carr Taylor is attempting something even more outlandish.

He wants to sell British wine to the world's greatest wine lovers and connoisseurs, the French.

His self-confessed audacity brought gasps of amazement at France's biggest agricultural show in Paris this week.

"Incredible," said an aide to French Farm Minister Edith Cresson as bystanders gaped at the tiny British stand, tucked away in a corner of a huge hall offering hundreds of the finest French wines.

"You (the British) should stick to roast beef," said a slightly more blunt winegrower from Burgundy, insisting that Britain could never

satisfy sophisticated French tastes.

But, though admittedly nervous, Mr. Carr Taylor was unabashed.

"We are going to take a lot of flack (criticism) from the French... But I love the challenge," he said.

Once the week-long fair ends, he hopes to appoint an agent to get his three different white wines into French shops.

The wine is produced from vines cloned from vineyards in West Germany. It has a fruity flavour and a bouquet similar to the popular wines of the Moselle.

Seven years after starting commercial operations, the family business will produce around 100,000 bottles in 1983 from a vineyard on Britain's south coast.

Ironically, Mr. Carr Taylor says, his land is near the town of Hastings, where France's William the Conqueror inflicted his famous defeat on King Harold of England

in 1066.

The Norman invaders brought with them the techniques of French winemaking and vineyards flourished in southern England during the middle ages.

For Mr. Carr Taylor exporting to France is aimed at establishing the credibility of wines in continental Europe. "If the French will drink it, it must be good," he says.

His venture is part of much wider expansion of British wine-growing over the last 15 years, during which the number of commercial vineyards has soared from about 20 to more than 200, producing upwards of one million bottles a year.

The revival reflects a gradual switch among Britain's youth from the traditional pint of beer to a glass of wine. Kenneth McAlpine, secretary of the British Vineyards Association, says,

But the French have little to

fear in the way of competition for their classic wines from Bordeaux and Burgundy.

The sun does not shine long or hot enough in southern England to allow production of red wine, nor are the conditions suitable for the fine dry white wines of Burgundy.

What Mr. Carr Taylor hopes to cash in on is the huge market for Riesling-type wines built up by West Germany.

And after the visitors at the fair had stopped gaping and started tasting he had some cause for encouragement.

"We were very surprised. Its good," said businessman Jean Triquet who left the stand with three bottles of the 35-franc (\$5) a bottle wine.

"Its got a good bouquet," said Antoine Verdale, president of the Association of Languedoc-Roussillon Wine Co-Operatives, though he added it was not a wine for connoisseurs.

Rich poppy crop lowers heroin price in Hong Kong

By Rajendra Bajpai

Reuter

HONG KONG — A bumper crop of opium in "the Golden Triangle" has pushed heroin prices in Hong Kong's streets to their lowest in seven years and authorities are worried that the British colony may be flooded with the drug this year.

The poppy crop, now being harvested in Thailand, Burma and Laos, may yield some 700 tonnes of opium, 100 tonnes up on last year, and narcotics officials fear the street price will fall further if opium syndicates become involved in a price war.

Hong Kong's narcotics division has had considerable success in checking the smuggling of drugs into the colony over the past few years. But the third consecutive bumper crop in the Golden Triangle has revived fears of increased addiction.

"The price of heroin has already fallen to 28,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$4,230) per kilogramme from 230,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$34,743) in 1979," said C.M. Leung, acting commissioner of the Narcotics Division.

There are also reports of Thai trawlers once again smuggling heroin into Hong Kong, he said, after a four-year period in which their illegal trade had apparently been stamped out by marine police patrols. This indicated that crime syndicates were adopting increasingly aggressive tactics to unload heroin.

The authorities are also worried by the fact that "The Golden Crescent" countries — Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iran — have also harvested their biggest poppy crop.

In the past most of the illicit opium from the region has found its way to the West. But there are fears that the surplus from this

year's crop could be unloaded in Hong Kong and Southeast Asian countries.

But last month a Thai patrol killed opium warlord Lao Su, an ethnic Chinese, when he crossed over from Burma to visit his concubines in Thailand.

"We do not as yet know the implications of Lao Su's death but we are trying to figure out whether it means some reduction in smuggling into Hong Kong," Mr. Leung said.

The Hong Kong authorities reached the high point of their drive against drugs in 1979 when the larger syndicates were smashed and heroin became so expensive that nearly 15,000 addicts enrolled for treatment.

Hong Kong now has more than 40,000 registered addicts and some 5,000 others who are unregistered.

"We have one of the best rehabilitation systems for drug add-

icts and our success has been noticed by other countries," said Mr. Leung. "But the drug scene is very delicate and things could change alarmingly in a short period."

There are indications that the glut of heroin is beginning to have an effect. Since the first bumper crop in the Golden Triangle, the number of new addicts in the colony has increased from 2,826 in 1979 to 3,379 in 1981. It was 3,100 last year.

In 1979 only 10 per cent of new addicts were under 20, but by last year this proportion had doubled. As more heroin comes in, seizures have increased, from 307 kilogrammes in 1981 to 532 kilogrammes last year.

At the same time detection has become more difficult, especially at the airport. Some four million passengers arrive in Hong Kong every year and some of the smugglers show great ingenuity in hiding heroin in body cavities.

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Hassan celebrates 36th birthday

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday celebrates his 36th birthday anniversary. To mark the occasion Prince Hassan has received cables of good wishes from senior officials and prominent Jordanian personalities.

Prince Hassan has three daughters: Princess Rahma aged 14, Princess Sumaya aged 12 and Princess Badiya aged nine, as well as a son Prince Rashid aged four.

On the eve of the occasion Prince Hassan attended a special ceremony held in his honour by the Prince Hassan Ibn Talal Brigade. The brigade's commander made a speech expressing the troops' pride in belonging to the brigade which bears Prince Hassan's name. He also thanked the Prince for his efforts in helping to develop the fighting capability of the troops.

The celebration included a short range and long range shooting exercises by units using various types of weapons in which Prince Hassan took part. Toward the end of the ceremony, the Prince distributed cups and prizes to the winners. He also exchanged gifts with commanders of the brigade's units. The ceremony was attended by senior army officers.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, who celebrates his 36th birthday Sunday. Her Highness Princess Sarvath with their children (from left to right) Princess Badiya, Princess Sumaya, Princess Rahma and Prince Rashid (Photo by Zohrab).

left to right) Princess Badiya, Princess Sumaya, Princess Rahma and Prince Rashid (Photo by Zohrab).

Bar association elects Hadidi chairman

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Bar Association Friday elected a new association board to be chaired by Mr. Suleiman Al Hadidi. The elections, which were put off from the previous week because of inquiry, were held at the Professional Association Complex in Amman. Altogether 623 lawyers, out of 853 lawyers registered on East and West Banks of the Jordan River, participated.

Mr. Hadidi came first in the elections with 392 votes followed by his rival Hani Al Dahleh who captured 201 preferences. The lawyers elected a 10-member board from 24 candidates, the term of which runs until 1985.

The elections were postponed from the previous week because most West Bank lawyers were unable to attend. This was partly due to the closure of the bridges across the River Jordan because of bad weather and partly owing to Israeli restrictions imposed on Arab lawyers.

Awqaf minister urges firm stand against Zionist plan

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif Saturday sent urgent cables and messages to leaders of three Islamic organisations and to ministers of religious affairs in Arab and Islamic nations briefing them on the latest attempt by Zionist extremists in occupy Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

In his correspondence, Mr. Sharif said that the Israeli attempts are part of an overall Zionist plan to Judaize holy places, and obliterate the Arab and Islamic cultural heritage in Jerusalem.

The cables were sent to the heads of the World Islamic League, the Organisation of Islamic Conference and Al Azhar University in Cairo. The minister urged Muslim leaders to coordinate their steps with government institutions in adopting a firm stand to foil Israel's designs against the Islamic shrines.

Envoy seeks closer links

AMMAN (Petra) — Yugoslav ambassador to Jordan, Dusan Zavanik Saturday voiced his country's desire to develop ties with Jordan in a variety of fields. He was speaking at a meeting with the Minister of Communications, Mohammad Addouh Al Zaben, with whom he discussed ways of bolstering bilateral cooperation in postal and telecommunications affairs, and the prospect of a bilateral exchange of expertise in these fields.

Public works official leaves for Washington

AMMAN (Petra) — Public Works Under-Secretary Mu'tazz Al Bilbeisi left for Washington Saturday to take part in an international symposium on drawing up international contracts which will open Monday at Georgetown University. The symposium is expected to last three weeks.

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Islamic Bank conference opens Monday

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Islamic Bank (JIB) will take part in a conference of Islamic banks which is due to open in Kuwait Monday.

The participants in the three-day conference will discuss issues pertaining to the economy in the Islamic World, the functions of Islamic banks and financial market dealings in relation to Islamic law.

The JIB will be represented at the conference by the bank's Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Saleh Abdullah Kamel, the bank's General Manager Musa Abdul Aziz Shihadeh and the bank's Islamic adviser Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh.

More than 60 experts on Islamic law as well as representatives from universities and other educational institutions, and chambers of commerce in the Arab and Islamic worlds will take part in the conference.

Saudis grant large loan

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Saudi Fund for Development has decided to grant Jordan a loan of one million Saudi riyals, according to Al Ra'i newspaper Saturday. It said that the loan will be used to part finance the establishment of a thermal power station in Aqaba.

Three-month pan-Arab agriculture course opens

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-month training course on defining, preparing and assessing agricultural projects in Arab rural regions opened at the University of Jordan Saturday.

Thirty two delegates from 11 Arab countries, including Jordan, are attending the course. They will hear lectures, conduct practical work in the fields, prepare feasibility studies on development projects and then evaluate these projects.

Agriculture Under-Secretary Salem Al Lawzi, who opened the sessions, outlined in his speech the importance of the training course. It offers, he said, the opportunity for a large number of Arab agriculturalists themselves to gain further experience while sharing their skills and specialist knowledge, especially in relation to existing agricultural projects in Jordan and other Arab states.

Dr. Lawzi praised the existing cooperation between his ministry and the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development (AOAD) in executing agricultural projects in Jordan.

AOAD delegate Dr. Hamdi Salem also spoke at the opening session pointing out the role of his organisation in organising seminars and training courses to promote agricultural development in the Arab World and to recruit personnel to work in the agricultural sphere.

The participants in this course will study development projects in the Arab World and problems agricultural experts face in their work. They will also carry out theoretical and practical work in agriculture-related subjects, Dr. Salem said.

Also addressing the session was Dr. Marwan Kamal, dean of the University of Jordan's faculty of agriculture, who said that the training course comes at a time when the role of agriculture in development and the drive towards food self-sufficiency is being given prominence throughout the Arab World. He called on the AOAD to increase its contribution to the development of Arab agriculture



Prime Minister Mudar Badran (right) holds discussions Saturday with the Romanian Minister of Construction Abroad M. Ion Stanescu (centre) who is in Amman to bolster Jordanian-Romanian cooperation. (Petra photo)

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Jordan-Iraq transport company announces profits of JD 13.2m

AMMAN (Petra) — The joint Jordanian-Iraq Land Transport Company (JILT) last year realised an overall capital profit of JD 13.2 million, of which JD 1.6 million was in cash, Minister of Transport Ali Suheimat announced here Saturday.

The minister was speaking upon returning to Amman from Baghdad where he attended the company's annual general meeting. The meeting reviewed the company's activities and achievements and decided to split the profits equally between the two countries, the minister said.

During his stay in Baghdad, Mr. Suheimat discussed with his Iraqi counterpart a number of issues of interest to the two countries, particularly matters connected with seaports, land transport and rail freight. Mr. Suheimat also toured construction and development projects currently being implemented in Iraq.

The JILT was established in 1980 with an initial capital of JD 7.5 million which was later increased to JD 15 million. At present the company owns a fleet of 750 lorries which have already transported nearly one million tonnes of goods from the port of Aqaba to Iraq.

This year the company plans to transport up to 1.5 million tonnes of goods to Iraq.

After his retirement, twelve years ago, he came to Palestine and Jordan where he worked as the principal architect on the restoration of the Lutheran Redeemer Church in Jerusalem along with the Auguste Victoria Stiftung and the Johanniterhospiz.

In Amman he planned and built the accommodation for the German Evangelical Institute of Antiquities in the Holy Land. After the completion of the building he often took over the temporary directorship of the Institute when no permanent director was based in Amman.

His advice was especially valued when the Institute excavated the archaeological site of Um Qeis.

NCC legal committee debates draft traffic law

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Consultative Council (NCC) Legal Committee held a meeting Saturday, during which some articles of the draft traffic law were discussed. The meeting, chaired by committee Chairman Taher Hikmat, was attended by Minister of Interior Ahmad Ubaidat and Colonel Ahmed Abu Al Sa'ud, director of the traffic department.

The joint committee formed by the financial, administrative, economic and legal committees of the NCC also held a meeting Saturday, which debated the customs draft law.

Journalists sworn in

AMMAN (Petra) — A total of 114 Jordanian journalists were sworn in as members of the Jordanian Journalists Association Saturday in front of Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh.

The oath of loyalty to the King and country is a new requirement for members of the Journalists Association having been prescribed by the provisions of the new journalists law issued last year.

Attending the oath-taking ceremony were the Director of Press and Publications Ahmad 'Utum and the association board members. The actual number of journalists in the country is 157, and those who did not take the oath Saturday are at present on missions abroad.



Some of the 114 Jordanian journalists who Saturday were sworn in as full members of the Jordanian Journalists Association (Petra photo)

Badran, Romanian minister hold talks

AMMAN (J.T.) — Romanian Minister of Construction Abroad Ion Stanescu discussed with Prime Minister Mudar Badran in Amman Saturday ways of bolstering Jordanian-Romanian cooperation in economic, trade and cultural fields, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, reported.

Mr. Stanescu, who arrived in Amman Friday evening, is in Jordan to lead the Romanian team to the Jordanian-Romanian Cooperation Committee, which will start meetings in Amman Sunday according to a Romanian embassy spokesman. He told the Jordan Times that Mr. Stanescu will be staying here until Wednesday for the committee's fifth meeting which is to be devoted to economic and trade matters.

During the meeting with Mr. Badran, the Romanian minister reviewed the topics on the committee's agenda, Petra said. The meeting at the Prime Minister's office was attended by National Planning Council President Dr. Hanna Odeh. Jordan's ambassador to Romania Naser Al Butayneh and Romania's ambassador to Jordan Andrei Cernovoevici.



Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker (second from left) Saturday holds talks with the visiting Spanish military delegation (Petra photo)

Spanish military team meets Jordan C-in-C

AMMAN (Petra) — The visiting Spanish delegation, led by Spain's Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Alvaro Lucalle Lallup Saturday held talks with Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker at the army headquarters in Amman. Also attending the meeting were several senior army officers.

The delegation, which arrived here Friday, visited the Martyrs' Monument Saturday where they were shown pictures and models that related the story of the Great Arab Revolt, and saw a documentary on the development of the Jordanian Armed Forces.

The agreement, to be carried out in nine-months time, provides for the collection of information and data and the preparation and classification of subject matter. The study aims at exploring the position of such companies in the national economy, and their role in satisfying the local needs of consumer goods. The study will include all companies set up during the last ten years.

The agreement was signed by RSS Director-General Albert Butros and Amman Chamber of Industry President Bandar Al Tabbaa.

Malhas opens new mental health clinic

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Minister Zuhair Malhas opened Saturday a new mental health clinic in Jabal Hussein, the second of its type in Amman.

The clinic is equipped with the most up to date facilities and will offer services to the mentally-ill from all parts of the country, a Health Ministry spokesman said. He said that at present the clinic employs four doctors and social workers, and has a laboratory and pharmacy. Another mental health clinic exists on Jabal Luweideh.

Attending the opening ceremony were the health under-secretary, heads of the ministry's various departments and several invited guests.

RSS to study industrial companies

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) will prepare a study on industrial shareholding companies in Jordan, according to an agreement signed by the RSS and the Amman Chamber of Industry at the former's office Saturday.

The agreement, to be carried out in nine-months time, provides for the collection of information and data and the preparation and classification of subject matter. The study aims at exploring the position of such companies in the national economy, and their role in satisfying the local needs of consumer goods. The study will include all companies set up during the last ten years.

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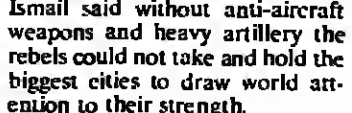
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The report has not yet been sent to executive-branch agencies for their comments, he said, and may not be for some time. For that reason, the report is not expected to be made public before June 1, he said.

The Reagan administration has asked Congress for \$2.4 billion in Israeli military and economic aid for the coming fiscal year, the same figure requested for the current year. Last year, Congress added \$200 million to the administration request.

We believe the British response to the seven-member committee's visit, as expressed by Mrs. Thatcher, is a success. It introduces new elements into the Arab-British relations, and promises a more effective British role in peace efforts for the region.



"When they're really ready to move for agreement, it will be obvious to everyone," he said. Until then, "it's not clear to us what we would gain by compromising what is the best outcome (the zero op-

A home from home for the doubly disabled in Jordan

By David Ward

AMMAN — When the Jordanian Ministry of Social Affairs asked Gunhild Sehlén to raise the intake of her home for mentally retarded children, she refused.

The ministry then offered to supply new buildings and provide the money for the running costs of a new extension which would almost double the size of the home. This, Mrs. Sehlén was cautiously prepared to accept. "It made me happy, but apprehensive at the same time," she said recently. "It meant our work was being recognised. But it will mean much more responsibility."

Many of the children are doubly disabled, they are not only mentally handicapped, but are also Palestinian refugees.

Gunhild Sehlén comes from Sweden. She is a slight, handsome woman. For 14 years she has been director of the "Swedish Home". The Home is a cluster of low modern buildings, erected in 1975, high up in an area of dusty rolling countryside some 12 kilometres west of Amman. The Home overlooks the small town of Suweileh. There are black cows on the open land in front of the Home. There is a Bedouin tent flapping in the warm breeze. Half a dozen young

children from the Home are being taken for a ride in a small cart drawn by a donkey. All the children suffer from autism.

Private contributions

The Swedish Home is run by a non-profit making organisation "for individual relief" called "IM". It was founded in 1938 and works in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. It depends mainly on funds from private voluntary contributions in Sweden.

The Swedish Home at Suweileh in Jordan has close links with UNRWA. Palestinians account for 60 per cent of the children who attend the Home, and 80 per cent of the staff.

The reason that Mrs. Sehlén initially rejected the ministry's request for expansion was partly because of "IM's" preference for giving help to limited numbers.

"IM" started work in Jordan in 1966 and its first care home, a rented villa, catered for 15 severely mentally handicapped children. In 1970 a second centre was opened before the present home was built at Suweileh in 1975. Here a staff of 70 provides help for about 200 mentally handicapped children and young people.

The extension to the Swedish

Home is due to open early in 1983 and will expand the number of severely retarded children in care from 36 to 66. There will also be a day centre, the first of its kind in Jordan. (There are already several day centres for less retarded cases).

The Home comprises a care-home, a day centre with a special school, a vocational training centre, and a sheltered workshop. The manager of the training centre is a Jerusalem-born Palestinian, Inaam Budeiri.

"Our main aim," she says, "is integration. Not as workers, very few will ever be able to achieve so much, but if they take care of their appearance and have self respect then they can be accepted into the community."

Self-respect, she feels, is of major importance. "They tell me when they go out they are followed by hordes of children. If they are laughed at, all our work goes in a snap of the fingers."

Part of the work of integration consists of regularly listening to the radio news and study of geography, even for the most retarded. The children clearly feel a strong sense of identity. The many and profuse potted plants around the centre are not the property of the centre, the children

say, "they're ours."

Outside too there are small trees and hardy shrubs. "IM" owns several acres of land and could be self-supporting in fruit and vegetables. Many kinds of fruit are harvested including almonds. Almonds, rosemary and lavender have been dried, packed and sold by the Home. But a lack of water limits the extent of the garden produce.

The slow growth of the Home reflects the resistance that has been encountered: Inaam Budeiri says, "It took a lot of convincing to get people to agree to starting the vocational training centre... but now they can see we are a success."

Salma Nimir is one of the Swedish Home's social workers responsible for contact between the children and their own families. She was born in Nablus in the West Bank and came to Jordan in 1973. Traditionally, mentally retarded children have been regarded as a burden on the family, she says, since their working capacity is restricted or non-existent.

Accordingly they were often "forgotten" and even hidden away, which made it difficult to identify the size of the problem. Miss Nimir says in recent years there has been less "hiding away". One positive effect of the United Nations International Year of Disabled Persons, she believes, was to make families less ashamed of their less fortunate members.

No rejects

On one point Salma Nimir is adamant. "We never accept rejects," she says. New admissions to the Home follow an application from parents. "But we never accept applications from rich families and neither do we when the handicapped child is an only child."

"And the children have to be loved. If a family says good riddance, then we will not accept the child."

Miss Nimir sees parental interest as a key to extending the activities of the Home. Increasingly, she says, parents are

asking "what can we do to help?" Miss Nimir hopes soon to start groups to which parents can come for guidance and counselling.

Visitors to the Swedish Home at Suweileh meet clusters of children in the class rooms, some curious, bright-eyed, others busy with tidying or cleaning. ADL (Adaptation for Daily Living) is one for the main training principles. The teachers feel self respect among the children begins with simple skills such as eating with a spoon, and matters of personal hygiene. A child who has learnt to dress himself has a much greater chance of being integrated into his home community.

In 1975 the vocational training centre was started, to meet the needs of those children who had reached the age of 16 and yet who still needed further help. The centre continues the school subjects of reading and writing, mixing with, and meeting people, study visits and camping. Every summer the home holds an annual camp on the Dead Sea coast.

In the centre, the girls are weaving, making carpets, rugs, scarves and hats. Inaam Budeiri explains, "In the Middle East it's difficult to send girls out... this work they can do at home."

The older boys are working in the carpentry workshops. Around the walls are things they have made -- boxes to hold tape cassettes, painted toy blocks, wooden stools, and hanging flower baskets ("very popular in England"). Leftovers are made into coasters for glasses. In another room there is a stone polishing machine and in the entrance hall are simple pendants and other items of simple jewelry the boys have made.

"They make what they can, and what will sell," says Miss Budeiri. Hand-made ceramic pots will sell easily in Sweden but not in local markets, she says.

Baq'a Centre

A few kilometres away from the Swedish Home, beside the road from Amman to the Syrian border is Baq'a's refugee camp. It too, has a centre for retarded children.

The Baq'a centre consists of some low buildings around a small whitewashed courtyard. The main room is a prefabricated hut painted in bright colours. The centre is run by a woman who lives in the camp; and the centre's costs are paid for by the Jordanian Mental Health Society, a charity subsidised by the Ministry of Social Affairs.

There is room for 30 mildly retarded children. More severe cases are admitted, if they are lucky, to the Swedish Home. At Baq'a, the main aim is to help with simple reading skills and behaviour, including table manners and personal cleanliness.

The principal is optimistic and believes there will be improvements. But she estimates there are at least 1,000 mentally retarded children in the camp (total population, approx 60,000) many of whom are still "hidden away" by their families, despite the International Year of Disabled Persons.

The main causes, intermarriage and overmedication of pregnant women, she feels, are finally being recognised. She is also hopeful about the chances of her children... teasing of mentally retarded children is not common in the camp.

— Palestine Refugees Today, a UNRWA newsletter.

Above: The older disabled boys getting training in carpentry at the workshop of the Swedish Home.

Below: Small children are getting training in motoric movement.

365 days may not be enough for U.N. anniversary celebrations

By Anthony Goodman

Reuter

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations was once content to mark just its birthday, but now it has a growing number of special days, months, years and even decades dedicated to a bewildering array of causes ranging from disarmament to drinking water.

A few of the dates are widely celebrated with meetings, speeches and seminars. Foremost among them is United Nations Day, observed each year on Oct. 24, the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the U.N. charter.

Another is Human Rights Day, on Dec. 10, the anniversary of the adoption in 1948 of the universal declaration of human rights.

But many of the occasions are less well-known, except within the U.N. itself or among those with a special interest.

How many people know, for example, that the period 1978 to 1988 has been declared transport and communications decade in Africa? Or that the 1980s are the international drinking water supply and sanitation decade as well as the third U.N. development decade?

Following International Women's Year (1975) and the International Year for Disabled Persons (1981), we are now well into World Communications Year.

Still to come are International

Youth Year in 1985, the International Year of Peace in 1986 and the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless in 1987.

During these years, which try to focus attention on problems of social or economic development, governments are urged to set up national commissions to plan appropriate practical projects. Some 170 states and territories did so for the International Year of the Child in 1979.

The special observances are proclaimed in resolutions adopted by the General Assembly to publicise some cause or concern. Some may rate no more than a special message or a concert. For others, an international conference is arranged.

Disarmament week, which begins annually on U.N. Day, was instituted by the assembly at its first special session on the question of disarmament, in 1978.

It invited all states to carry out special activities to underline the dangers of the arms race.

The following year the assembly declared the 1980s to be the second disarmament decade, noting that the first, the 1970s, had been less than a resounding success.

Many of U.N.'s special dates are motivated by specific political issues, with South Africa particularly prominent.

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is concerned almost entirely with that country, with little reference to racism in other parts of the world.

The day is observed annually on March 21, the anniversary of the killing by South African police of 68 Africans demonstrating against the pass laws at Sharpeville in 1960.

Beginning on May 25, Africa Liberation Day, the U.N. marks the week of solidarity with the peoples of Namibia and all other colonial territories as well as those in South Africa, fighting for freedom, independence and human rights.

Other dates include June 16, the International Day of Solidarity with the Struggling People of South Africa, Aug. 9 which celebrates the struggle of women in South Africa and Aug. 26, Namibia Day.

Less political observances include International Women's Day (March 8), World Meteorological Day (March 23), World Health Day (April 7), World Telecommunication Day (May 17), World Environment Day (June 5), International Literacy Day (Sept. 8), Universal Children's Day (First Monday in October), Universal Postal Union Day (Oct. 9), World Food Day (Oct. 16) and World Development Information Day (Oct. 24). With diary space dwindling, even the U.N. itself was moved in 1979 to report "a widespread feeling that the law of diminishing returns has already set in, particularly now that almost every calendar year is being celebrated in connection with one subject or another."

The mentally disabled children help in the kitchen too

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Spencer scores runaway victory in South African Grand Prix

KYALAMI South Africa (R) — Freddie Spencer, rising U.S. star of the motorcycle racing world, staked his claim to this year's 500 cc championship with a runaway win in the opening South African Grand Prix here Saturday.

The 21-year-old from Louisiana, who finished third in his first full season last year, claimed his third Grand Prix triumph after leading for all but the first of the 30 laps.

Spencer took the flag on his Honda 7.4 seconds ahead of the Yamaha of fellow American Kenny Roberts, three times world champion, in an average speed of 167.98 kilometres per hour.

To crown his victory, he set a fastest lap on the 4.1-km circuit of one minute 31.45 seconds, an average speed of 170.98 kph.

"I'd aimed to build up a lead from the start," Spencer said after his victory. "And once I did that I just kept riding hard."

Roberts accepted defeat from his younger rival with good grace. "I knew there was no chance of catching Freddie unless he got caught up with the back markers," he said.

The best battle of the day was for third place, with Britain's Ron

Haslam pipping French outsider Marc Fontan after swapping places throughout the race.

Haslam was taking part in only his fourth 500 cc race and was clearly delighted with his debut for the works Honda team. "It was a great race with Fontan, but I always felt I had the legs to beat him," he said.

The only man to head the lap chart besides Spencer was Honda teammate Takazuma Katayama. After dropping back and battling for fifth place with American Randy Mamola, the Japanese rider left the track at Ford corner on the 27th lap.

Mamola, who gashed his hand badly when lifting his bike before the race, claimed fifth spot, leading home Italian reigning world champion Franco Uncini, his team-mate, on what was a disappointing day for Suzuki.

Italian Leandro Becheroni and Switzerland's Michel Frutschi were taken to hospital after a collision. Becheroni was detained in hospital but he was not seriously hurt. Frutschi was soon discharged.

Barry Sheene, defying those who said he would never return to racing after a terrible practice

crash last year, finished a solid 10th on his Suzuki.

The 32-year-old Briton is already well ahead of his self-imposed target in what he calls his "convalescence period"—he was aiming to make the top 15 Saturday.

The 250 cc event provided a thrilling battle between Frenchman Jean-Francois Balde and Herve Guilleux and Didier de Radigues of Belgium.

They raced neck-and-neck for most of the second half but then Guilleux nosed in front and appeared to be heading for victory on his Kawasaki until Balde streaked past down the main straight on the 28th and last lap.

Guilleux complained afterwards that he had been blocked a number of times by the Chevrolet teammates but said he would not lodge an official protest.

He had to settle for third place after De Radigues also passed him on the finishing line.

American superbike champion Eddie Lawson, so impressive in practice when he gained second place on the grid, finished eighth in his first 500 cc world championship race.

Spinks 'the Untouchable' becomes undisputed world boxing champion

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (R) — Michael Spinks stayed on the run — "It was like the television show 'the Untouchables' — to become undisputed world light-heavyweight boxing champion here Friday night.

Spinks, the World Boxing Association (WBA) champion, beat fellow-American Dwight Braxton, the World Boxing Council (WBC) titleholder, on the scorecards of all three judges to win the 15-round showdown at the Atlantic City Convention Hall.

Peppered Braxton's face with snapping left jabs, while avoiding the relentless Braxton during most of the bout, the 26-year-old Spinks became the first fighter for 11 years to become undisputed holder of the light-heavyweight crown.

"It was like the television show 'the Untouchables'," Spinks said. "I became untouchable."

"I wouldn't let him get close. He couldn't land a punch, hardly. I kept moving and stayed out of the way. And I hit him with the jab all night. I beat him with the jab."

Spinks, in winning his 27th consecutive professional fight, took 10 of the 15 rounds. Braxton finished strongly to win the last two

rounds.

Braxton, losing for only the second time, commented: "It was more or less a track meet. I had to catch him. I thought he'd stand still."

In the eighth round, Braxton, nearly eight inches (20.3 centimetres) shorter than the 6-foot 2½ inch (1.89 metres) Spinks, came closest to catching his man.

He caught the WBA champion with a solid right to the chest that dropped Spinks on the seat of his pants. But Spinks rose at the count of four and then took a mandatory standing eight-count. It was the only knockdown of the fight.

Braxton also won the next round when he connected with some punishing rights. But Spinks regained control from the 10th to 13th before having to weather Braxton's strong finish.

Braxton blamed his defeat on his failure to apply more pressure on Spinks.

"I didn't stick to my fight plan like I should have," said Braxton, 30, who turned professional at the age of 25 after serving 5½ years in prison for armed robbery. "My plan was to stay on top of him. But I let him run and hustle. And I didn't press the issue like I should have."

Spinks suggested that the knockdown occurred because Braxton stepped on his feet. "You saw him step on my feet a couple of times," Spinks said. "If they want to call it a knockdown, who cares?"

But Spinks would not criticise Braxton, with whom he sparred more than 100 rounds before both men won their titles.

"Dwight's my buddy," he said. "I kissed him after the fight because I love him."

Spinks said he would be willing to give Braxton a rematch. But first he would next meet former WBA champion Eddie Mustafa Muhammad and ultimately he hoped to move up to heavyweight.

Braxton became the first fighter to go the distance with Spinks since Spinks won the title from Mustafa Muhammad in 1981.

Both fighters were reportedly guaranteed \$2.1 million, making it the richest light-heavyweight title fight ever.

The last fighter to win the undisputed light-heavyweight title was American Bob Foster when he knocked out Vicente Rondon of Argentina in April 1972.

Austin, King reach Boston tournament semi-finals

BOSTON (R) — Second seed Tracy Austin and fifth seed Billie Jean King scored straight-set victories here Friday night to reach the semi-finals of a \$150,000 women's tennis tournament.

Austin beat Betsy Nagelsen, 6-3, 6-3, and King beat Kathy Horvath, 6-4, 6-3, in the evening's two all-American quarter-final matches.

Austin will face Australian Wendy Turnbull, a 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 winner over American Barbara Potter. King plays Sylvia Hanika of West Germany, who beat Wendy White of the U.S. 6-3, 7-6 in her quarter-final match.

Nagelsen, playing aggressively at the net, scored a service break in the opening game. She reached a 3-1 lead in the first set before

Austin took charge with a barrage of winning passing shots and lob to the baseline.

Austin won 20 of the last 24 points in capturing the next five games and the set. She whipped up the match with a string of forehand shots that earned her another service break in the ninth game of the second set.

King set up delicately sliced, drop-shot winners by pinning Horvath to the baseline with deep ground strokes to earn a decisive service break in the ninth game of the opening set.

In the second set, 39-year-old King, 22 years older than her opponent, was leading 5-3 when she rifled a pair of backhands down the line from deuce to gain a final-game break and the match.

Teacher ousts Gerulaitis

MUNICH, West Germany (R) — Vitas Gerulaitis, the second seed, was bundled out of the Munich World Championship Tennis (WCT) tournament by fellow-American Brian Teacher here Friday night.

Teacher's 6-7, 6-2, 6-3 quarter-final victory completed a spectacular rout of the top seeds and WCT organiser Marcel Avram faces the prospect of a big loss in gate money.

Teacher, seeded six, will now meet seventh-seeded Wojtek

Fibak of Poland, who overcame India's Ramesh Krishnan, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

Another giant-killing American, Mark Dickson, who knocked out Czechoslovak favourite Ivan Lendl on Wednesday, continued his winning run Friday.

He beat South African Kevin Curren 7-6, 6-4 and will meet fellow-American Bill Scanlon in the other semi-final. Scanlon defeated Israel's Shlomo Glickstein 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

Canadians dethrone world amateur boxing champions

RENO, Nevada (R) — Big-hitting Canadians Willi Dewit and Shawn O'Sullivan were among five fighters who dethroned world champions at the international amateur boxing tournament here Friday night.

Dewit outpointed Alexander Yagubkin of the Soviet Union to take over as heavyweight champion and O'Sullivan relieved another Russian, Alexander Kosbikin, of a title, winning the light-middleweight contest on points.

It was a bad night for the Soviet team with Yuri Alexandrov, the flyweight champion, also losing his crown when he dropped a decision to American Steve McCrory. Light-flyweight Ismail Mustafov of Bulgaria, beaten by Cuban Rafael Sainz, and the experienced Cuban lightweight Angel Herrera, who was upset by American Pernell Whitaker, were also

deposed when points decisions went against them.

Only Cubans Adolfo Horta, at featherweight, and light-welterweight Carlos Garcia retained their titles with points wins over U.C. opponents. Horta beat Bernard Gray and Garcia defeated Jerry Page.

This is the first time boxers who won titles at the regular World Championships, they were last held in Munich in 1982, have put them at stake the following year. The five titles not contested Friday night will be fought for later this year either in Moscow or Tokyo.

Ireland, France share Five Nations rugby crown

DUBLIN (R) — Fly-half Ollie Campbell set a scoring record for the Five Nations Rugby Union Championship Saturday as his 21 points lifted Ireland to a 25-15 win over England at Lansdowne Road.

The win gave Ireland, outright winners last year, a share of the championship with France and left England at the bottom of the table without a victory.

Ireland, their hopes of taking solitary possession of the championship dashed after losing to Wales two weeks ago, dominated England to win by two tries, a conversion and five penalties to England's five penalties, all kicked by fullback Dusty Hare.

Campbell's contribution was one of the tries—his first for Ireland—which he also converted, and five penalties out of eight attempts.

His efforts gave him an unprecedented points tally for a championship season of 52, six more

than his own record of 46. He also equalled his record for points scored in a match.

Hare's reliable boot landed five out of six shots at goal but England had little else to offer.

In Paris, France gave a typically storming second-half performance to topple Wales 16-9. After conceding an early try, France battled back to be level 6-6 at halftime and dominated the second 40 minutes to run out comfortable winners by a try, three penalty goals and a drop to Wales's try, conversion and penalty goal.

Sadly, the match failed to live up to expectations with peacocks, scrappy play, frayed tempers and a succession of injuries all conspiring against fluent rugby.

Welsh fullback Mark Wyatt was the most serious casualty.

Villa takes it out on Coventry

LONDON (R) — Humble Coventry felt the full force of Aston Villa's fury Saturday as the detested European Champions—beaten by Italy's Juventus in midweek—worked out their frustration in the English first division.

Villa thrashed Coventry 4-0, with former England striker Peter Withe scoring twice, to keep up their chase for a European Football Union (UEFA) Cup place next season.

Liverpool, also bundled out of the European Cup last week, extended their lead in the first division to 15 points despite drawing 0-0 with neighbours Everton.

Liverpool, who meet Manchester United in next week's League Cup final at Wembley, are almost certain to win their 14th championship in manager Bob Paisley's retirement season.

United themselves remained in third place after being held 1-1 at home by bottom club Brighton, who stole a 2-1 win at Anfield last month to end Liverpool's Football Association (F.A.) Cup hopes.

Second-placed Watford lost ground on the leaders after losing 1-0 at home to a Tottenham side who had five of their more famous names, including Glenn Hoddle, Steve Archibald and Ricky Villa, playing in the reserves.

Villa, beaten 5-2 over two legs by Juventus in their European

Cup quarter-final, took their revenge on an unsuspecting Coventry. Gary Shaw began the rout in the 24th minute, heading home Dennis Mortimer's right wing cross for his 18th goal of the season.

Shaw crossed for Withe to make it 3-0 in the 29th minute before Allan Evans added a third seven minutes from halftime. Withe grabbed his second and Villa's fourth in the 70th minute.

Brighton, who could meet Manchester United in this season's F.A. Cup final, looked to be heading for another shock win at Old Trafford when Steve Gattling shot them ahead in the seventh minute—and that after their former United striker Andy Ritchie had seen his earlier effort disallowed.

But United defender Arthur Albiston levelled the scores 12 minutes into the second half to earn his side a point.

England striker Paul Mariner grabbed his first League goals since new year's day to help Ipswich to their 2-0 home win over Nottingham Forest.

And his England partner Tony Woodcock rattled home a battery to help Arsenal to their 4-1 win over Luton.

Liverpool and Everton fought out the 128th Merseyside derby—and the only goalless game in the first division. It was the first

time since Dec. 4 that Liverpool had failed to score in the League and the first time since Oct. 16 they had failed to score at home.

Manchester City, still looking for their first win under manager John Benson, were hammered 4-1 at Southampton where striker Steve Moran netted a first half hat-trick.

McCrory, Jones bid for Leonard's vacant title

RENO, Nevada (Agencies) — Milton McCrory and Britain's Colin Jones, two quiet fighters who let their punches speak for themselves, will battle Saturday night for a share of the world welterweight crown left vacant by Sugar Ray Leonard.

The fight for the World Boxing Council title will pit the hard-hitting Jones against the quick-fisted McCrory in a bout that even the contestants say is too close to call.

Leonard abandoned his unified welterweight title last year after undergoing surgery for a detached retina.

The McCrory-Jones bout will be held in the same arena as Leonard's last fight, the Reno-Sparks Convention Center.

The fight pits two combatants with striking similarities and broad differences.

Parreira appointed Brazil's manager

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Carlos Alberto Parreira was appointed manager of Brazil's soccer team Saturday and told reporters: "We still have the best football in the world."

The man who steered Kuwait to last year's World Cup finals said the main difference between himself and his predecessor, Tele Santana, would be in the team's approach.

"I'm a fan of competitive football," he said. "You don't win the World Cup just with technical ability, you must instill a competitive mentality into the team."

Santana's Brazilians delighted millions of soccer fans with their dazzling skills in Spain and were hot favourites to lift the trophy until careless defence sent them tumbling to a shock 3-2 defeat against Italy.

Parreira, 40, has 17 years experience in football but has never played for or managed a Brazilian club. He was suitably confident of his players' skills.

"I don't think technical work is a priority for our team—if there's one thing our players are best at it's their technical ability," he told reporters.

"Our problem here is the organisation of the game and the physical (fitness) side, I think these are the aspects of training which should be treated as a priority," Parreira said.

His introduction to soccer's most demanding fans will be on April 28 when the triple world champions play their first match since that disastrous day in Spain, a friendly against Paraguay, Uruguay or Poland, football federation officials said.

Parreira, who was born in Rio de Janeiro, coached the brilliant Brazilian side which won the 1970 World Cup in Mexico under manager Mario Zagallo. Altogether he has experience of three World Cup finals and two Olympic Championships.

His appointment ended months of speculation but seemed certain to provoke strong criticism from Sao Paulo where newspapers had strongly tipped Rubens Minelli, manager of local club Palmeiras, for the national job.

Parreira, who has a one-year renewable contract, was diplomatic when asked to pick out the clubs with the strongest influence in Brazilian football at the moment. Vasco da Gama, Flamengo, Palmeiras and Santos, he said, choosing two each from Rio and Sao Paulo.

Coe betters 1,000m time

OSLO (R) — Sebastian Coe added another record to his long list of achievements when he shattered the world indoor best time for the 1,000 metres during the Norway-England athletics international Saturday.

The Briton clocked 2:18.58 to become the fastest man in the world over 800 and 1,000 metres—indoors and outdoors—and the one mile. The previous world best indoor time for the 1,000 was 2:19.1, set by West German Paul-Heniz Weimann in 1976.

Coe, 26, the Olympic 1,500 metres champion, was roared on by a capacity crowd of 2,000 who are well used to the sight of him smashing records.

After the race, Coe, who was hardly out of breath, said: "That was my fifth race in Oslo and my fifth record. I don't know why but I think it's a combination of good tracks, good friends and a good audience."

Colin Swed, who was running as a guest in the England team, acted as bare for the first 600 metres.

New Zealand scores 7-wicket victory against Sri Lanka

NAPIER, New Zealand (R) — An unbeaten 87-run fourth wicket partnership between brothers Martin and Jeff Crowe swept New Zealand to an easy seven wicket win over Sri Lanka in a one-day cricket match Saturday.

New Zealand, replying to Sri Lanka's 167-8 off 50 overs, took only 36.4 overs to reach their target of 168, for the loss of three wickets.

Opener Glenn Turner and Bruce Edgar started in strong style and gained an added bonus of six extras, including four no balls, off the first two overs.

Turner made an elegant five boundaries before falling on 25 to a fine catch by Ramesh Ratnayake off Vinodhan John. Edgar was the next to go, caught by Rajan Madugalle for eight off Ravi Ratnayake with the score on 56.

The Sri Lankan bowlers plugged away but lacked penetration most of the time.

Wright, who led the home side after regular captain Geoff Howarth was relegated to 12th man, was out for 31 when he stepped back on his wicket pulling a ball

from Somachandira de Silva.

Martin Crowe then came out to join his brother Jeff for the first time at international level. Both batsmen were untroubled as they completed New Zealand's eighth successive victory.

Earlier, Martin Crowe took two wickets and held a catch as Sri Lanka struggled against New Zealand's accurate seam bowling.

At one stage, the tourists had slumped to 105-7, but a fighting 56-run eighth wicket partnership between Somachandira de Silva and Ravi Ratnayake restored some respectability to the innings.

Ratnayake was last man out for 27 with the total 161, and de Silva, unbeaten on 37 at the close, was his side's top scorer.

Sri Lanka, sent into bat after Wright won the toss, suffered an early setback when Susil Fernando was run out without scoring with only five runs on the board.

Opener Sidath Wettimuny and Guy de Alwis took the score to 35 before Wettimuny was bowled by Crowe for 20.

A middle-order collapse started with the total 51 when de Alwis and Yohan Gunasekera were both dismissed.

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ECONOMY

NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S. wholesale prices rise 0.1%

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. wholesale prices were almost static last month, the government said Friday, continuing the pattern of moderate inflation that has delighted the Reagan administration. Wholesale prices, which foreshadow prices consumers can expect in coming months, rose by only 0.1 per cent in February after a record monthly fall of a whole percentage point in January. Energy prices fell sharply last month, for the third time in succession, but were just offset by a rise in food prices. The price of heating oil fell by 7.2 per cent and petrol prices went down five per cent, but groceries were 0.6 per cent dearer.

Saudi profits total \$1.1b in 1981

RIYADH (OPECNA) — Saudi, the Saudi national airlines, earned \$1.1 billion in profits during 1981, according to the company's annual report. In 1981 the company received nine of the 10 Boeing aircraft it had ordered. Seventeen TriStars and 11 Airbus are expected to join the fleet by 1994.

B.L. losses drop to £126m

LONDON (R) — State-owned carmaker British Leyland (B.L.) Friday reported it had halved its losses last year, boosting the company's hopes of returning to profitability by 1984. B.L.'s losses for 1982 dropped to £126 million (\$190 million) from £245 million (\$370 million) the previous year, company results showed. The B.L. corporate plan calls for a small operating profit by 1983/84. Government aid to the company for 1983/84 has been fixed at £100 million (\$150 million), a substantial fall from the £370 million (\$435 million) in state funds B.L. received in 1982/83. B.L. had already received orders worth more than £50 million (\$75 million) for the Maestro, whose success follows the strong sales record of the Metro, a small car B.L. introduced in 1980.

Coffee prices soar in London

LONDON (R) — Coffee prices jumped to their highest level in London for three years Friday despite an overall abundance of coffee on the world market. Coffee for delivery in May, the most actively traded month, rose from a low of £1,761 per tonne Thursday to a high of £1,878 Friday, amid speculation by some traders that it could soon reach £2,000. The rise was caused by a squeeze on immediately available supplies, which traders said was partly due to a cut in export quotas last week by the International Coffee Organisation (ICO), which includes both producers and the major consuming nations. The cut in export quotas followed last October's withdrawal of two consuming nations, Hungary and Israel, from the ICO, in which consumers agree to buy their coffee exclusively from producer members of the organisation.

U.K. annual inflation rate rises

LONDON (R) — Britain's annual inflation rate rose last month for the first time since May, government figures showed Friday. The growth of retail prices rose to a yearly rate of 5.3 per cent in February compared with 4.9 per cent, the lowest in 13 years, in January. The main price increases were for clothes, cigarettes, alcohol and cars. The department of employment said in its report on the figures. Finance Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe said in his annual budget speech to parliament on Tuesday that inflation would rise to six per cent by the end of this year.

French finance minister demands W.German mark be devalued

France threatens to quit European Monetary System

BRUSSELS (R) — French Finance Minister Jacques Delors Saturday threw the future of the European Monetary System (EMS) into doubt by announcing France will quit the currency float unless West Germany revalues its currency.

A grim-faced Mr. Delors, speaking to journalists before the start of a crisis meeting of European Economic Community finance ministers here said that at present he saw no basis for an agreement.

"I come to this meeting a little sad, thinking that if nothing evolves France will quit the European Monetary System," Mr. Delors said.

"I consider at this moment there is no basis for an accord," he added in answer to journalists' questions.

Mr. Delors placed the blame for the present crisis in the monetary system squarely on the shoulders of the Bonn government.

He said he had come to the meeting out of politeness after it was

called Friday by West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg.

His government had had contacts at "the highest levels" with Bonn in the past few days but these had thrown up a whole range of disagreements.

"We are at odds over external trade policy, notably over relations with the United States and Japan. We are at odds over the community's budget... as well as the joint monetary policy," Mr. Delors said. He described the disagreements as "very grave."

Mr. Delors spoke minutes after Mr. Stoltenberg arrived at the EEC headquarters. The West German minister declined to comment on the likely outcome of the meeting, saying only that the monetary situation was very difficult.

He said he called the meeting as chairman of the community's council of ministers after some countries asked for talks.

West German Bundesbank President Karl Otto Poehl also refused to speculate on the likelihood

of a settlement. He said he expected the talks to run on until late Saturday.

The meeting was preceded by detailed consultations between senior treasury and central bank officials who, according to diplomats, were considering a simultaneous revaluation of the mark and a downward shift in the value of the French franc.

The French finance minister did not rule out a devaluation of the franc but made clear it was mainly up to Bonn to ease the intense strains in the EMS.

"The European community is in crisis", he said. "I have been fighting this week for Europe but against arrogant and irresponsible people. What can I do?"

He added: "If the West Germans don't want to revalue, if they don't want to be more European... I have no intention of doing it. It is with sadness I am here. I will not give in."

Mr. Delors expressed surprise that other countries whose currencies have also been battered by

a flood of investors' cash into marks had indicated they were not prepared to devalue.

But Belgian Finance Minister Willy de Clercq said there was no reason for his country to devalue. The Belgian franc, like the Danish krone and the Irish punt, has been pushed to its EMS floor-level against the mark for most of the last two weeks.

Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens and his Luxembourg counterpart Pierre Werner, whose two countries are linked in a monetary union, held bilateral talks to concert their position ahead of the finance ministers' meeting.

Danish Finance Minister Henning Christopherson told reporters he would seek to avoid a devaluation of the krone.

Italian Treasury Minister Giovanni Goria was non-committal about a possible devaluation of the Italian lira, although diplomats said they expected it to move down slightly if an overall realignment was agreed.

U.S. electronic industry shows signs of recovery from Japanese onslaught

SAN FRANCISCO — The electronics industry in the U.S. appears to be regaining some confidence after years of uncertainty in the face of intense Japanese competition.

Two developments within the industry in the past few weeks serve to illustrate the point.

First, Motorola, the U.S. chip maker, received an "outstanding quality" award from Hewlett-Packard, the electronic equipment manufacturer.

The matter was not simply a case of the industry congratulating itself, for Hewlett-Packard has been one of America's most outspoken critics of U.S. chipmakers.

"Motorola's accomplishment is indicative of a trend throughout the U.S. semiconductor industry towards significantly higher parts quality — a trend that is closing the quality gap between the U.S. and Japanese semiconductor companies," a Hewlett official said recently.

Just two years ago, the company dropped a bombshell on the domestic semiconductor industry by reporting that Japanese-made memory chips had much lower failure rates than U.S.-made parts.

The award comes at a time when U.S. computer companies are recognising the threat of Japanese competition in their own

markets.

To nurture and protect their own suppliers, U.S. computer makers are building up closer working relationships with their component suppliers — sharing quality improvement projects and, in some cases, sharing research and development.

IBM has gone even further by buying 12 per cent of Intel, one of its major semiconductor suppliers.

On a larger scale, several of the largest U.S. chip and computer makers have joined forces in two co-operative research and development organisations that will undertake basic research on behalf of all members.

U.S. companies see this as a defence against major co-operative development projects in Japan and Europe.

The degree to which the industry can co-operate is limited by U.S. anti-trust laws, which the Electronic Industries Association is pushing to change.

Few in the industry doubt that this will be a long, uphill battle.

It is recognition by the Reagan administration of the Japanese competitive threat that has given the industry its second recent boost.

A key element is the recent Japan-U.S. trade restraint agreement, which focused on Japanese car shipments to the U.S.

but also embodied a "work programme" designed to eliminate trade and investment barriers in high technology industries.

This aspect of the accord also seeks "to minimise problems caused by Japanese companies," the agreement says.

While the work programme is not binding on bilateral trade, the U.S. government is encouraged that the Japanese have grasped America's concern over the effects of Japanese competition on its industry.

The agreement is also seen as a quick response to a U.S. Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) report on the effects of the recent Japanese onslaught on the U.S. semiconductor market.

The SIA report was published on Feb. 3.

The SIA report argued that Japanese industrial policies were substantially weakening the U.S. semiconductor industry and threatening its future.

The industry points out that the U.S.-Japan semiconductor battle has been centred on the vital market for 64-K RAM (64 Kilobit Random Access Memory) devices used in computers.

The report notes that the Japanese strategy in 64-K RAMs could be compared with its approach to the ball bearing industry in the 1950s, when Japanese pro-

ducers drove many foreign competitors out of the market.

In effect, the Japanese see the 64-K RAM as the thin end of the wedge which could lead to overall domination of the U.S. semiconductor market.

According to the SIA report, U.S. 64-K RAM producers made huge pre-tax losses on RAM sales through 1981 and 1982.

Collective losses by U.S. producers in the third quarter of last year totalled \$12 million on revenues of \$26.4 million.

The U.S. concerns attribute their losses to Japanese-led price cutting.

As a result of the Japanese offensive, U.S. companies have cut back their RAM activity, the report says. Whereas 12 to 15 U.S. companies participated in the market for the previous generation of 16-K RAMs — only five currently make 64-K RAMs.

The impact of Japanese competition goes beyond losses incurred by these companies, however, because memory chips are the "bellwether of the industry" — in effect, the skill gained in memory chip development is of such a high order that corporations developing them are at a competitive advantage in other sectors of the industry.

— Financial Times news features

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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MAR. 20, 1983

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Because of planetary influences you could run into some problems of a minor nature early in the day, but conditions return to normal later. Conserve your energies.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try to understand the expectations of those who have power over your affairs today. Strive for more prestige.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Morning is fine for studying new interests and making plans for the future. Show more thoughtfulness for others.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Finish that work you started and then be off to the fascinating activities that appeal to you. Sidestep an opponent.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can work out a difficult problem with the help of others early in the day. Plan the new week wisely.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Attend to routine chores early in the day so you'll have time for social activities later. Show others you have poise.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Daytime hours are best for being with good friends and relatives, and reserve personal duties for the evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Pay more attention to family members and have more harmony at home. Make plans to have more abundance in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Take those extra steps that are needed to gain your personal aims. Sidestep one who likes to impose on you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try to please close ties today instead of worrying about personal affairs. Engage in favorite hobby.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Daytime hours are best for handling personal matters. Schedule social activities for the coming week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Take care of private affairs early in the day and then join congenials at recreation you enjoy. Have a delightful time.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You need to apply yourself more to gain your personal aims at this time. Show more consideration for the one you love.

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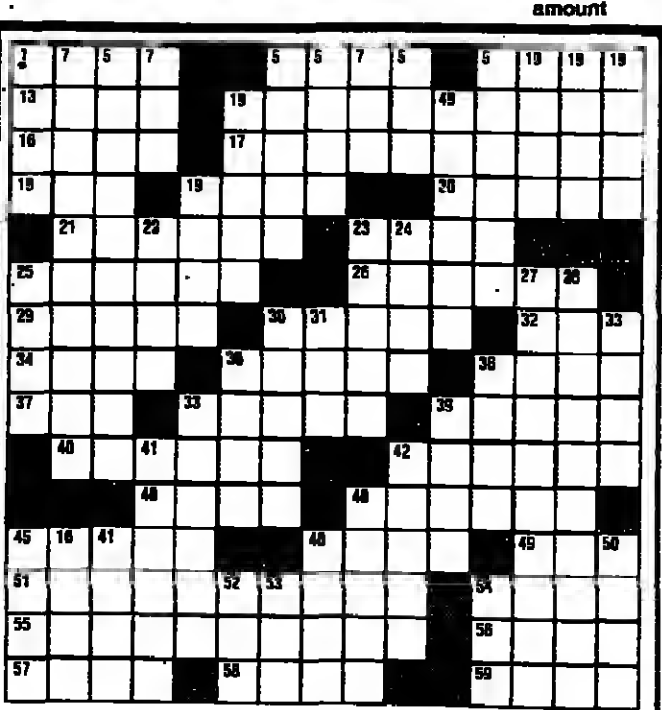
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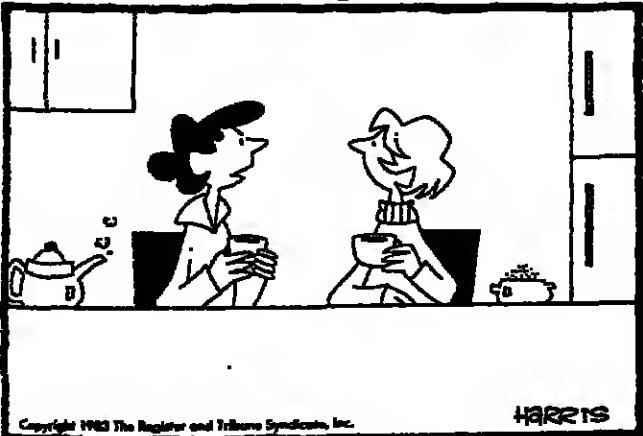
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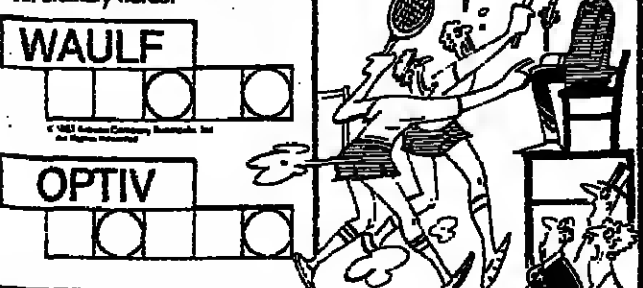
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WORLD

4 white Zimbabweans killed

HARARE (R) — Four whites were killed Friday night by gunmen in Zimbabwe's troubled Matabeleland Province, police said Saturday.

Informed sources said the victims were an elderly couple and their two grandchildren, shot when six gunmen raided a farm at Nyamandlovu, about 150 kilometres northwest of Bulawayo, capital of Matabeleland.

The sources said farmers in the area had been told about the killings Friday night through an emergency telephone network used by

white farmers during the Rhodesian Civil War before Zimbabwe's independence in 1980 and revived recently because of violence in Matabeleland.

After a two-month army drive against dissidents said by the government to be disgruntled ex-guerrillas of opposition leader Joshua Nkomo's disbanded ZIPRA Army, violence erupted again in the province this week.

Accountant abducted

A white accountant, Robert Dyer-Smith, was abducted near

Bulawayo by six gunmen demanding the release from prison of Mr. Nkomo's lieutenants who are facing treason charges.

The rebels threatened in a ransom note to kill him and six foreign tourists missing since their abduction while on a safari holiday near Bulawayo last July.

The government of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has refused to bow to the abductors' previous demands for political concessions. It has instead offered a 20,000 Zimbabwean-dollar (\$20,000) reward for information leading to

the release of the two British, two American and two Australian tourists.

The hostages' parents have offered to pay legal fees for Mr. Nkomo's jailed lieutenants, Dumiso Dabengwa and Lookout Masuku, and five others in return for their children's freedom.

The high court will rule next Tuesday whether the seven men have a treason case to answer.

Mr. Nkomo fled Zimbabwe last week saying he feared for his life. He is now in Britain but has promised to return home.

Peking to tighten family planning laws

PEKING (R) — China will bring in a family planning law within the next two years aimed at ensuring the country succeeds in limiting its population to 1.2 billion by the year 2000, a government minister said Saturday.

A state constitution, which became effective in December, laid a duty on every husband and wife to practise birth control.

The new law announced by Qian Qinhong, minister in charge of the state family planning commission, is expected to set out the precise conditions under which couples will be permitted to have children.

China had more than one billion at last June's census — nearly a quarter of the world's population — and the total is rising by nearly 30 a minute.

The government has set the 1.2 billion target for the turn of the century because any greater increase would undermine ambitious plans to modernise the economy.

Mr. Qian said that achievements so far were due to what he called the broad-based support of the people. More than 14 million couples had signed a one-child pledge, he added.

Talks on U.S. bases in Greece start again

ATHENS (R) — Greece and the United States have resumed their delicate negotiations on the future of four American bases in Greece after a week-long deadlock.

Greek officials said Greek negotiator Yannis Kapsis and State Department official Reginald Bartholomew, who has been conducting the five-month-old talks on the bases, met Friday night for the first time in six days and the dialogue would continue.

Informed sources said the talks reached an impasse last week over the amount of military aid the United States should give Greece in return for using the bases, two on the island of Crete and two in Attica near the capital.

A fresh complication came to light when the Greek government spokesman confirmed that the State Department had ticked Athens off for unwittingly endorsing Soviet foreign policy.

The spokesman, Dimitrios Maroudas, described as genuine the published text of what purported to be an American diplomatic note criticising a Greek-Soviet communiqué issued last month.

The satirical weekly Pontiki said the U.S. note it published had contributed to the breakdown of the talks last week, but there was

no independent confirmation of this.

At the time, informed sources attributed the deadlock to disagreement over Greek demands for \$1 billion in military aid in return for allowing the Americans to continue using the bases for a limited period.

The State Department note, as published by Pontiki, said the United States was concerned at the communists' support for Warsaw Pact non-aggression proposals, for nuclear-free zones and for "equality" between East and West. The communiqué was issued after Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov visited Greece.

Opposition accusation

ATHENS (R) — Greece's right-wing opposition has accused the socialist and communist parties of undermining democracy through a mass mobilisation of their members that took place last month amid rumours of an impending coup.

In a televised address Thursday night that drew angry rebuttals Friday from the communist and ruling Pasok (socialist) parties, opposition leader Evangelos Averoff called the mobilisation "a proof of totalitarian tendencies."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shuttle flight now set for April 4

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (R) — The space shuttle Challenger will make its long-delayed first voyage on April 4, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced Friday. The flight of the problem-plagued shuttle, originally scheduled for January 20, will be the sixth in the series. The launch will take place at 1830 GMT, the announcement said. NASA officials made the announcement after reviewing the condition of the Challenger's engines — which underwent repairs after the discovery of cracks and have been exhaustively tested since being reinstalled in the shuttle.

Mubarak addresses Al Azhar scholars

CATRO (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Saturday urged scholars of Al Azhar, the world's second oldest university, to play a more active role in purging Islamic teachings of alien and destructive ideas. Addressing a rally to celebrate the university's millennium, Mr. Mubarak said: "We look forward to doubling the good efforts of Al Azhar ulemas (scholars) to safeguard the Islamic theology against alien and destructive concepts."

Clashes in Karachi lead to curfew

KARACHI (R) — Pakistan's military authorities Saturday imposed an indefinite curfew on part of Karachi where seven people have died in violence between two Muslim sects. A government announcement said the curfew, affecting several hundred thousand people who live near a mosque claimed by both Sunni and Shia Muslims, would last until further notice.

Thai premier calls for general elections

BANGKOK (R) — Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda Friday night asked King Bhumibol Adulyadej to dissolve Parliament and call an early general election. The decision followed a tense week in which there were fears the army might stage a coup after Parliament rejected constitutional amendments that would have maintained the military's influence in the house of representatives and senate.

Italy's ex-king to be buried in France

GENEVA (R) — Ex-king Umberto of Italy, who died in Geneva Friday 37 years after being banished from his homeland, will be buried next Thursday at the Abbey of Hautecombe in France, a member of his family said Saturday.

MacLean's ashes interred in U.K.

LONDON (R) — The ashes of Donald MacLean, who spied for the Soviet Union in Britain's diplomatic service and fled to Moscow in 1951, are being buried in an English village churchyard, his family disclosed Friday. MacLean, a central figure in this country's biggest modern spy scandal, died last week in Moscow. His cremated ashes were brought to Britain by his son, Fergus, 39, in an earthenware urn decorated with a small hammer and sickle.

TV-AM chairman forced to quit

LONDON (R) — Britain's commercial television company TV-AM Friday replaced chairman Peter Jay, son-in-law of former Prime Minister James Callaghan, in the face of warring warring figures. Mr. Jay, 45, a former ambassador in Washington, resigned at a crisis board meeting of TV-AM, whose early show was watched by a peak week audience of 400,000 people daily. Its target was one million and it had to cut advertising rates when viewers dwindled to nearer 300,000. Conservative Member of Parliament Jonathan Aitken, a big shareholder, took over as chief executive.

Finnish conservatives to gain more power

HELSINKI (R) — Finland's conservatives are likely to make the biggest gains in two-day general elections starting Sunday but concern at reaction in the neighbouring Soviet Union could keep them out of the ruling coalition, according to political analysts.

The conservative National Coalition Party has been effectively excluded from government for the past 17 years. Its opponents created the impression it might not be acceptable to Moscow and the conservatives themselves did not press hard for power during that time.

The urban-based party, which has doubled its backing since 1966 as Finns have moved from the countryside to the towns, is now forecast to add around 10 seats to its present 46 in the 200-member parliament, with around 25 per cent of the vote.

"If the conservatives reach this figure, pressure will mount for their inclusion in the government," said one political commentator.

Moscow, which occasionally publishes oblique commentaries on Finnish domestic politics, has confined itself so far to reporting the current state of the parties.

Conservative leader Ilkka Suominen, 43, has stressed his all-

egiance to Helsinki's current policy of co-operation with Moscow and strict neutrality, the basis on which Finland has been able to develop as a Western-style capitalist democracy while sharing a 1,300 kilometre border with the USSR.

The present government, under Social Democratic Prime Minister Kalevi Sorsa, is a coalition of Social Democrats, centrists, liberals and members of the Swedish People's Party, commanding 103 parliamentary seats.

The People's Democratic League (communists and socialists), in the government for most of the last 15 years, dropped out of the coalition last December.

Turn by internal feuds, the league could see its support fall from 18 per cent at the 1979 elections to around 15 per cent and lose a handful of its 35 seats, according to the latest polls.

Economic problems such as Finland's near-10 per cent inflation rate, seven per cent unemployment and a foreign debt which rose to 40 billion markka (\$7 billion) in 1982 have dominated the low-key election campaign.

TV station refuses to show NBC sensation

NEW YORK (R) — A television film that tells in news-like fashion of anti-nuclear protesters threatening to blow up a southern U.S. city has stirred controversy even before its scheduled showing on a national TV network.

The film, called "Special Bulletin," will be broadcast by NBC Sunday but one station affiliated with the network is refusing to carry the programme on grounds that it is irresponsible and could frighten people.

NBC itself has ordered up to 10 additional warning messages flashed on the screen at key moments during the programme to tell viewers they are watching a dramatization.

A network spokesman said the warnings were designed to ensure there was no public panic such as that set off in 1938 by Orson Welles' radio dramatization of "War of the Worlds," the H.G. Wells story about an invasion of earth from Mars.

"Special Bulletin" concerns a threat to set off a nuclear explosion in Charleston, South Carolina, made by a former Pentagon weapons planner, a nuclear physicist, a social worker, a black poet and an ex-convict.

They take a TV reporter and cameraman hostage in pressing their demands for the dismantling of 986 nuclear warheads near Charleston.

Turkey imposes media ban

ANKARA (R) — Military authorities Saturday barred local media from reporting a wave of recent protest resignations from Turkey's universities and from publishing any unauthorised stories about a controversial government shake-up of the banking system.

Newspapers and news agency staff in Istanbul and Ankara said the ban was imposed in writing by martial law authorities in each city.

In the last few weeks there have been regular reports of res-

ignations by academics upset by the dismissal of some 200 of their colleagues over the past two years in what many of them say is a politically-inspired purge.

Reporters in Istanbul said the martial law command also banned publication of reports of a trial Friday in which five junior air force officers were jailed for belonging to an illegal militant leftist group active before the 1980 military coup.

The Daily Cumhuriyet said the five were sentenced to seven and half years.

F-18 attack version okayed by Pentagon

WASHINGTON (R) — The Pentagon has approved full production of the controversial attack version of the F-18 aircraft, but said it would revise original plans to buy 1,366 of the McDonnell Douglas planes.

Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Thayer said a decision on the number of the dual fighter-attack planes to be bought would not be made until the navy's air needs were reviewed.

Production of the fighter was approved last year, but the attack

version was delayed because flight tests showed it fell about 80 kilometres short of the projected 880-kilometre bombing range.

Mr. Thayer said at a news conference range could be added by mid-air refuelling.

He said the new studies would include a decision on the proper mix of the F-18s, F-14 fighters and A-6 attack planes needed aboard aircraft carriers.

But a reduced U.S. purchase would not affect the price of the plane abroad, Mr. Thayer said.

Prague needs foreign help to negotiate in Angola

VIENNA (R) — Czechoslovak leaders have appealed to foreign statesmen to help secure the release of 64 Czechoslovak captives held Saturday by Angolan guerrillas, the official Cetecka news agency reported Friday.

President Gustav Husak called on Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos to use "all available means to speed up the liberation of the captives". Cetecka said.

He also informed the Angolan president of the steps taken by the Czechoslovak authorities to secure the release of the captives who include 21 children.

Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal sent a message to Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, current chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, calling on members for any possible assistance.

A request for help was also addressed to Kenya's President Daniel arap Moi, chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). Cetecka said.

The Czechoslovaks and 20 Portuguese were taken captive in a raid by guerrillas of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) on an industrial complex in central Angola.

Unita, which is fighting the government of President dos Santos, has offered to release the prisoners in exchange for seven British mercenaries jailed in the Angolan capital.

South Africa said Friday it had no role to play in obtaining the release of the captives, despite a plea for help from United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Painter claims mass-producing imitations of Dali paintings

MADRID (R) — A young Catalan artist claimed Friday to have painted 400 works in the style of surrealist painter Salvador Dali since 1975, signing Dali's name on many of them.

Manuel Pujol Baladas, 35, said in an interview with the news magazine Cambio 16 that his works were bought by a Barcelona dealer at 15,000 pesetas (\$120) a piece.

"Since 1975, there is more of my graphic work — watercolours, gouaches and drawings — in the market than Dali's, some 400 works of mine against some 100 of his own," Pujol said.

He estimated he had painted about 30 oils compared to between 40 and 50 legitimate Dalis in the same period.

The painter said he only realised where his work was going in 1981 when he saw two of his paintings in a catalogue printed by a London auction house. He then

immediately stopped producing the imitations.

Pujol said he only decided to talk after Dali's wife Gala and dealer Georges Val — both of whom he believed were aware of the fraud — died in 1982.

"My imitations were based on my own motives, and I dare say there is a stage in Dali's work, compositions on the sea and the mountains at Port Ligat with the outline of human faces, that is an exclusive creation of mine," Pujol said.

Controversy over the authenticity of some Dali works broke into the open after the painter fell ill and was virtually confined to his Port Ligat home near Barcelona in the summer of 1980.

Last year, after he had recovered from his wife's death and a series of nervous breakdowns, the 78-year old Dali took personal control of his work and filed a writ before a French court.

Poles state their case in Madrid

MADRID (R) — Representatives of Poland's banned Solidarity trade union presented a new document on alleged human rights abuses to European security conference delegates Friday.

Solidarity's spokesman abroad, Jerzy Milewski, said the report on abuses under martial law was aimed at heightening attention to human rights issues while delegates were considering a Madrid conference agreement which would not include the right to strike.

Neutral and non-aligned nations recently proposed terms for an agreement to bring the 29-month-old conference to an end. But Mr. Milewski said: "We are concerned at the weakness of this document, which could create a feeling of legitimacy for the Polish authorities not obeying international human rights agreements."

He said there had been no significant improvement in conditions since the lifting of martial law last December "and in some cases things are worse."

Mr. Milewski told journalists the 600-page report was drawn up by hundreds of lawyers and trade unionists in Poland who risked up to 15 years in jail for activities against the state.

Work began on the report last summer and it was received in Brussels, where Solidarity's overseas representation is based, early this month, he said. Translations would be available in about two weeks.

Mr. Milewski said Solidarity activists sacked from state industry and unable to get jobs had been arrested under an "anti-parasite" law passed the day martial law was lifted. "The new laws institutionalise martial law," he added.

A summary of the report in English said about 3,500 people had been sentenced in political trials during martial law.

Hinckley's psychiatrist sued for \$14 million

DENVER (R) — A psychiatrist who treated John Hinckley before he shot President Reagan was sued Friday for \$14 million by three men who were wounded along with the president.

The three accused Dr. John Hopper, of Evergreen, Colorado, of negligence in his diagnosis and treatment of Hinckley during a five-month period before the shooting on March 30, 1981.

Presidential Press Secretary James Brady is seeking \$8 million, secret service agent Timothy McCarthy two million, and retired Washington policeman Thomas Delahanty four million.

President Reagan was not a party to the lawsuit.

Hinckley was declared insane at his Washington trial and has been

confined to hospital for treatment.

In the suit, the three men claimed Dr. Hopper negligently misdiagnosed Hinckley as having only minor problems. They charged that the psychiatrist was negligent in not recommending Hinckley should go into the hospital despite such a suggestion by Hinckley's parents.

Dr. Hopper had no comment on the suit.

In the attack, Mr. Brady suffered brain damage from a bullet wound in the head and has not been able to return to work.

Mr. Delahanty, hit in the neck by a bullet, was forced to retire because of the injury. Mr. McCarthy recovered from a chest wound.

Mixed race church challenges South African marriage rules

JOHANNESBURG (R) — The largest church in South Africa's coloured (mixed race) community has taken a strong stand against the government by announcing it will now perform inter-racial marriages and sanction civil disobedience in certain circumstances.

A special synodical commission of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (NGK), the church of the ruling white Afrikaners, has long attempted to present a theological basis for the government's policy of apartheid or separation of the races, but this has been widely rejected by the world-wide ecclesiastical community.

The coloured church's position follows along similar lines taken recently by Presbyterian, Anglican, Methodist and congregationalist churches.

In its statement, the coloured church offered outright defiance to some government policies. It said it opposed the government's policy of establishing tribal homelands for blacks as "unchristian and unfair."

The coloured church also said it would help, protect, and as far as possible, such couples in case of government action against them.

Some South African churches have evolved into major centres of

opposition to the government. The Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (NGK), the church of the ruling white Afrikaners, has long attempted to present a theological basis for the government's policy of apartheid or separation of the races, but this has been widely rejected by the world-wide ecclesiastical community.

The NGS church also said people should be more obedient to God than to people even though this might mean civil disobedience was necessary.